

June 15, 2010

Alex Vanselow
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**Re: BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton PLC
Form 20-F for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009
Filed September 14, 2009
File Nos. 1-09526 and 1-31714
Response Letters Dated May 11, 2010 and June 2, 2010**

Dear Mr. Vanselow:

We refer you to our comment letters dated March 17, 2010 and May 19, 2010 regarding business contacts with Cuba, Iran, Sudan, and Syria. We have completed our review of this subject matter and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Cecilia Blye, Chief
Office of Global Security Risk

cc: Roger Schwall
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Division of Corporation Finance